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1. During the issuance of the new Military Accounting Booklets (Voenna Otchetna Knishka), [redacted] (Voenna Otchetna Spetsialnost; Military Accounting Specialty) number was changed from 72 to 27, which now possibly stands for engineer troops. Prior to the VOS number changes, drivers of military vehicles had the VOS number 50. [redacted] 25X1
2. In January 1955, [redacted] a permanent AA Battery position with at least ten covered guns 100-150 meters east of the road to Negovan (N 42-46; E 23-25), Sofia Okoliya. However, he did not see any troops, barracks, or tents in the vicinity. The area of the battery position was hilly, but did not have many trees. 25X1
3. On 25 June 1955, [redacted] 10-15 reservists from Petrich, who were previously recalled for training, spent some time in the barracks, and were given short furloughs. The reservists, who were 30-35 years of age, were mostly rifle privates and junior sergeants, who wore red stripes. [redacted] they were recalled for three months training in the Sandanski barracks. 25X1
4. Some in the 1932 recruit class, all in the 1933 class, most in the 1934 class, and half of the 1935 class are now in military service.
5. In September 1953, [redacted] there is a restricted zone around the petroleum field, which is guarded by the militia. [redacted] the petroleum rigs from a distance of two-three kilometers, but failed to see guards or restricted-zone signs. 25X1
6. More Soviets were observed in Sofia in 1954 and 1955 than previously. All of them wore civilian clothes.

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